

LENOX'S REAL SEASON IS FAIRLY ON.

Lenox, Sept. 4.—This week the Lenox season begins. The phrase means a number of things. It means hotels where there is "standing room only," churches where silk and muslin gowned worshippers are turned away or seated precariously on camp stools, streets that resound all day with the clucking hoofs of docked-tailed horses and the rattling of metal-trimmed harnesses.

It means weekly hops at the hotel, dinner dances crowded in the middle of the week as well as at its end, picnics that are dinners or luncheons in all but name, "informal dinners" that are banquets, "small dances" that are balls and balls that are pageants. It also means, sandwiched in between these festivities, tournaments at tennis or pool or readings of the drawing room order, riding, driving and bicycling—a good deal; sailing—a little; canoeing—not much; reading—hardly any.

These are a few of the things the beginning of a Lenox season means. The season promises to be a dancing season above all else. Mrs. William D. Sloane will set the social pot spinning by an informal dance at Elm Court next week.

The arrival of Baron Fava, the Italian Ambassador, Wednesday, and Marvovet Bey, the Turkish Minister, Thursday, caused a stir among the cottagers, as both diplomats are always elaborately entertained here and several dinners will be given in their honor.

Baron Thellmann, the German Ambassador, who has the pretty Oliver cottage this season, will give a dinner for them Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Villard, New York, have been having a delightful time here this week, the cottagers having given several dinners in their honor.

Lord and Lady Braye and Edmund Spencer, of England, who have been the guests of Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, left Monday for Bar Harbor, accompanied by Miss Clementine Furness.

The Executive Committee of the Lenox Golf Club has decided to make the entrance to all events in the coming tournament free. Countess de Heredit, Mrs. William D. Sloane and Mr. John E. Alexander have offered valuable cups for events. The golf club offers the Lenox Cup, valued at \$500. The professional events will be for cash prizes amounting to \$800. The tournament will be held the week of September 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, who arrived at their camp home, on Washington Mountain, Monday, galloped down to the post office Wednesday morning for their mail. Both rode spirited dark bay thoroughbreds, and many friends at the post office extended congratulations and greetings. Mrs. Whitney wore a skirt and coat of dark brown material, a striped shirt waist with white collar and a sailor hat. Mr. Whitney carried the mail pouch on his saddle. They are delighted with their novel honeymoon camp and expect ex-Secretary Whitney early next week.

R. C. de Agala, First Secretary of the Spanish Legation, and his wife arrived at the Barrett cottage Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thatchers M. Adams, New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris K. Jessup, New York, who have been at Bar Harbor, have returned to their Lenox cottages.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Schermerhorn, West Twenty-third street, New York, have arrived from Newport and opened their Elia cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Searle Barclay, New York, have arrived at the Bennett cottage for the remainder of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Alexander, New York; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jessup, Mr. Lamont and Miss de Ruyter, all of New York, have arrived this week at their cottages.

Mrs. Henry Marquand, New York, entertained at tea Monday, and Mrs. John Sloane, New York, on Tuesday. Mrs. W. C. Wharton gave a large dinner Wednesday evening.

James T. Higginson, New York, is one of the recent arrivals at the Curtis Hotel. David Belasco, the playwright, and Mrs. Leslie Carter, the actress, are at Maplewood, Pittsfield.

Waning Love at Newport.

Fond Wife—You told me before we were married that you would be willing to die for me.

Loving Husband—Well? Fond Wife—Well, I notice you have not said anything of that sort since you have had your life insured.

NARRAGANSETT WAITS.

The Season Would Be Over if It Wasn't That a Swell Wedding Is On.

Narragansett Pier, Sept. 4.—The season is done for and after another week there will be practically no one here except the cottagers. The Mathewson alone has been able to retain a fair number of guests, and if the weather holds good its doors will remain open for another week.

Many of the cottagers would have closed their houses before this and returned to New York were it not that they desired to remain over to attend the wedding of Miss Carolyn Morrow, of Washington, to Lieutenant John Lewis Chamberlain, recently stationed at Governor's Island, but who is under orders to report for duty at Fort Sheridan, near Chicago. The wedding will be at 12 o'clock, noon, next Wednesday, at St. Peter's-by-the-Sea. It is to be a strictly military affair, and petite Margaret Prescott, the half-sister of the bride, will be the maid of honor. The best man will be Captain Allen, of Governor's Island. The ushers will not be named until Monday.

Miss Morrow will be gowned in white satin, trimmed with rare old family point lace, worn by her mother and her great aunt. Miss Prescott will wear a gray and white tulle dress, trimmed with duchesse lace.

After the wedding ceremony there will be a breakfast served at Rev. Mr. Prescott's Summer villa. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain will begin their wedding tour at 4 o'clock, but their route and destination are kept a profound secret.

Miss Earle's wedding will not take place at the Pier. It is to come off in November, and at New York City, but Miss Earle has not yet determined whether she will have a house or a church wedding.

Two very important real estate deals are being negotiated, which will have a great influence on the Pier for 1897. It is intimated that Francis W. Kinney intends to erect another villa, and that his present "cottage," large enough for a king's palace, does not meet with an entire approval on

his part. One of the deals spoken of includes the erection of another hotel.

Paul H. May, of the Belgian Legation, is a guest at the Mathewson.

The Casino will remain open until next Thursday. The closing hop will be on Wednesday.

H. B. Moore's steam yacht Marrietta, New York, was here this week. John Jacob Astor was here on Tuesday, with the Nourmahal, his guests being A. J. Drexel, Miss Wright, Miss Blight, Miss Katherine Duer and Mr. Yanaga.

AUTUMN DAYS AT RYE.

Some Guests Go, but Others Come, and the Season Seemingly Wanes Not at All.

Rye Beach, N. H., Sept. 4.—Many have returned to the city, but others have taken their places, and thus the number of sojourners has not been greatly reduced. In fact, the month of September promises to be one of the best of the year, from the standpoint of profit to those who entertain Summer visitors.

A mock wedding Wednesday night furnished a huge fund of amusement. The bride was impersonated by Miss Carolyn Burke, New York, and the groom by Miss Katharine Westby, Boston. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of guests by Ernest Wright. The bridesmaids were Misses Ethel Chaplin and Florence Marsh. The best man was Mr. Chaplin, Boston. J. N. A. Golden, New York, officiated as organist, playing the wedding march as the bridal party entered the parlors.

"Farmers' Day" is next Wednesday. This is the most notable event of the Summer to the farmers in this vicinity, when, it is estimated, 5,000 people will go to the beach for their annual outing. There will be speaking by J. H. Brigham, Master of the National Grange, and N. J. Datchelder, Master of the State Grange. Senator Gallinger has been invited to be present.

George Woods and family, New York, have taken a cottage at the Head for the Autumn months.

Mrs. Ralph Marden, Prospect Hill, is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Daniel Marden, Brooklyn.

The men at Leavitt's gave a whist party of twelve tables in honor of the ladies of the house Monday evening.

At Narragansett.

Gautier—What makes you call that girl a striking beauty? Pierre—Well, you take a promenade with her after the dip, and you'll see how quick she will strike you for a small bottle.

POINT PLEASANT AWHEEL.

With the Advent of Cool Weather the Popularity of the Bicycle Increases.

Point Pleasant, N. J., Sept. 4.—The one fact to increase with the coming of cool weather is that of the wheel. All Point Pleasant has ridden the wheel this Summer, but now the rides are made longer and more frequent. A push to Asbury Park or Atlantic Highlands on the one hand, or to Toms River, via Lakewood, on the other, is considered but a pleasant jaunt for a party of wheel men and women.

Miss Margaret Edwards is a guest at the Leighton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Tompkins are now at the Stratford. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Killinger, Miss Catharine H. Killinger and Miss Dorothy Killinger are recent arrivals at the Beacon-by-the-Sea.

Other arrivals are: Resort—William H. Caffrey, Louis C. Stahle, Mrs. Hays, William J. Meyer, Mrs. Price, Mrs. N. Smith, Miss Leonhardt, Mrs. J. A. Weaver, Charles J. Maguire, Gustav Stahle, H. L. Souney, G. F. Stubbs, A. S. Baker.

Stratford—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ernst, Jr., Mrs. Halbert T. Tichenor, Mrs. J. A. Dillon, Miss Ethel Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Simons, Catherine E. Orme, Mrs. A. A. Joyce, Miss Joyce.

Leighton—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Brown, Miss Florence Brown, Miss Emily W. Smith, Fred Ackerman, Miss Remington, Miss Hueston, Miss Mary Headley.

Beacon-by-the-Sea—Fred Schillman, H. D. Newson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mayfield, Beatrice Spear.

QUIET AT ISLAND HEIGHTS.

The Population Is Rapidly Dwindling to All the Year Round Residents.

Island Heights, N. J., Sept. 4.—The Heights are being deserted by the Summer visitor slowly and surely. Very few of the cottagers who made the resort so lively during the long Summer days remain. By Monday but few besides the regular residents will be found here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Crofoot, Omaha, Neb., are guests at the Island House. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Fleming are among the latest New York arrivals at the same hostelry.

Among other arrivals are: Perennial—H. H. Groshong, Mrs. James Brown, Henry C. Boyd, Edward B. Smith, Philip S. Salberg, Charles S. Howe, C. M. Gifford, W. W. Baker, Miss Reta Boswell, H. A. Gatchel, Charles Beck, Mrs. Beck, Leon Beck.

Island House—Captain Clayton, Morris Franklin, Miss B. Keene, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Collins, Miss Edith Collins, Selden Miller, Frank J. Clark, George Gaston Lewis.

CAPE MAY STILL HAS LIFE.

The Cottage Colony Announces it Will Remain Until the Fifteenth.

Cape May, N. J., Sept. 4.—The cottage colony has decided to remain for a time, and the foreign diplomats and their wives have given it out they will not leave until the 15th. M. Patenotre, the French Ambassador, will remain until the 25th at his cottage.

The New York visitors who have been here this season have greatly outnumbered those of any former year, and they have been the mainstays in most of the social events.

Sever Blanco, one of the Boundary Commission of Limits, Mexico, is a guest of the Mexican Minister, M. Romero.

Among New Yorkers who have arrived here this week are W. S. Ackerman, George Tallman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Allen, G. McDonough, H. McDonough, Thomas J. Van Wyck, James McHarvey, H. M. Duncan, E. O. Richards, A. H. Joy, S. A. Armstrong, J. Zollinger, Frank P. Dougherty, C. F. Neldinger, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nichols, W. J. Graft, W. C. Hickey and W. T. Borden.

NEWPORT LOOKS FOR A GAY FALL.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 4.—This week ends Newport's season proper. Then begins the after season, which, like the fragrant Havana after a good dinner, forms a fitting climax to all that has gone before.

Many of the cottagers anticipate a delightful Fall season, and no place could be more beautiful and restful than here. The Vanderbilts will remain through September, and probably October. While not entertaining very much, they find it very pleasant here, and a most delightful place for Mr. Vanderbilt, who is getting stronger every day, and is able now to drive out and enjoy the sea breezes and sunshine. The Brices will also remain here until it is time for Senator Brice to resume his duties at Washington, which will not be before November.

What was really the crowning event of the season was the ball given by Mrs. Potter Palmer in honor of her niece, Miss Julia Dent Grant. Mrs. Palmer's ball was not the largest of the season. The invitations were not general, but given only to those who had entertained Mrs. Palmer and her niece.

The floral decorations have not been exceeded by any private event this season. Though only fifty couples danced the german, supper was ordered for one hundred and twenty persons. Mrs. Frederick D. Grant came on to Newport for the ball.

Mrs. Palmer wore white satin, the bodice cut to display her shoulders, trimmed with an outline of silver and jeweled embroidery. Miss Grant wore rose pink, which gave a very becoming tinge to her otherwise marvellously white complexion. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Astor have lived very quietly this Summer, their only entertainments having been given on board their yacht Nourmahal.

A good story is being told by one of the young society swells on himself. This same young man delights in riding a wheel, playing golf and attending all events, with the exception of funerals and receptions, without a hat, and as a result has acquired such a coat of tan that he might in the dark be mistaken for one of the natives of the Dark Continent. A short time ago he, with other members of the "180," attended a cake walk, and upon leaving he was accosted by a gentleman of color as he was near the reading room and asked if he won the cake. At a recent function his friends who had heard of his escapade attempted to surprise him by preparing a cake, but he, learning of their intentions, surprised them instead by appearing in a costume which would have done credit to an end man in a minstrel show.

A well-known society woman remarked the other day that it was "wonderful the way the Brices got people to go to their entertainments." True enough. It is wonderful. Newport society sits on the top-most round of the social ladder. Its members can afford to isolate themselves for any length of time from the others and their gaiety. When they return their position is unchanged; they are still social leaders. The Brices entertain in Washington society. Every one goes. The Brices are social leaders there, and to be invited to one of their functions is to be in the best society. So, too, if the Brices entertain in Newport every one goes, although they are not social leaders, because they have not been going to Newport long enough. People of the highest social standing often find the greatest difficulty in getting the required number to make a social affair a success, so the remark that the Brices are wonderful is correct. At their reception last Monday the most prominent people were there, both men and women. People are loath to go to receptions in the Summer, and, besides, this was a function that Mrs. Brice gave weekly. Forty people were present actually at one time.

The Brices have mastered the art of entertaining. There is always some novelty, some new thing, about their entertainments. Among the attractions at their receptions have been May Irwin and Maggie Cline, who delighted the guests with their character songs. Chevalier was engaged for one of these events, but was prevented from coming at the last moment. Among the younger belles this season none are more popular than Miss Lily Oelrichs, the daughter of Charles Oelrichs. She is a great favorite with all.

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THOUSAND ISLANDS NEWS.

It Hasn't Been a Very Prosperous Season, but Such as It Is, It's About Over.

Thousand Islands, N. Y., Sept. 4.—The season here is taking wings and another week will see it under flight. The Summer has not been an over-prosperous one with the hotels, although in point of numbers there has been the usual quota of visitors.

The last reception of the Thousand Islands Club for the season was held at the club quarters, on Welcome Island, last Saturday evening. These members and friends representing New York and Brooklyn were present: Judge Charles Donohue, Mrs. Donohue, Frank Lawrence Donohue, Charles Donohue, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Eggleston, Dr. Le Fevre and wife, W. C. Brown, Eugene Gandy, Mrs. C. W. Boldt, C.

W. Boldt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chauncer, J. H. Oliphant and wife, R. H. Hoath and wife, W. Oliphant, Norris Oliphant, Royal Deane and wife, H. S. Chandler, Rev. Dr. C. H. Eaton and wife, C. G. Emery and wife, Miss Lena Emery.

S. B. Van Duzer, New York, who made his millions in the drug trade, has purchased a water frontage on the main shore, opposite his Warner Island property, and is causing to be erected there a large yacht house, with docks and wharves.

Recent arrivals include those from New York: Crossman House—W. Clinton Brown, Howard S. Folger, George Elliott Little, Mrs. Stephen Little, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones, J. L. Adams, Joseph Webb, J. K. Dickson, C. W. Knapp, F. W. Emery and wife.

Walton Cottage—C. E. Kennedy and R. R. Willits.

Opposition at Lenox.

Miss Tumble—Did you have much trouble when you first began to ride a bicycle? Mrs. Scorchner—Yes, with my husband.

NIAGARA FALLS WAITS FOR

The Viceroy and His Suite Will Give the American Wonder a Thorough Inspection.

Niagara Falls, Sept. 4.—The distinguished visitor on the borders of this resort will be Li Hung Chang, with his suite. The Chinese statesman will arrive over the New York Central Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock in a special train of six cars, from Philadelphia. Of course there has been a race between the large hotels to secure Li and his retinue of servants as guests. The Cataract House has been chosen, and the baggage and Chinese will be transported to this big hostelry at the convenience of their Chinese master.

Viceroy Li will see the great sights of Niagara and its scenery, its electrical power plant, and its wonderful electric roads. He will leave here on a special train of Canadian Pacific cars for Vancouver, and sail for home on a Canadian Pacific Mail steamship. The Canadian Government will defray the expense of the trip.

The Cataract House had the honor of entertaining the famous French statesman and ex-Prime Minister of the Republic, M. Ribot, this week. He came with his son to the Falls very quietly and took rooms at the Cataract. M. Ribot stated that his



THE POINT AT LABCHMONT.

ments the week will be unusually lively. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York, will hold a meeting of some of its agents at the Cataract the last of the month, while, the Western Insurance Association will also meet here this month.

Golf held full sway on the Fort George links at Niagara-on-the-Lake this week. All the cracks materialized, and some fine sport was had. Quite a number of gay equipages, English carts, drags and traps, went down from the Falls, and lent color to the events. The fall season here promises to be the most brilliant in years.

Mrs. Henry S. Ives, widow of the late "Napoleon of Finance," is visiting at the Falls and Lockport. The latter place is the lady's old home, where she was known as Miss Gertrude Sears, the famous soprano singer.